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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Hiroshi ITO, Shinichi KAMOSHIDA, Toshihiko YAMAZAKI
and Shigeo FUJITA
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q78803

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising forty-eight (48) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and fifteen (15) sheets of drawings. Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed please find a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>42</u>	-	20	=	<u>22</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$396.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	3	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$86.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$770.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$1252.00</u>



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Attorney Docket No. **Q78803**

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-354816	December 6, 2002
Japan	2003-000817	January 7, 2003
Japan	2003-017813	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-017816	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-017817	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-196433	July 14, 2003
Japan	2003-196434	July 14, 2003
Japan	2003-196435	July 14, 2003

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on **Saturday, December 6, 2003**, the filing of this application on, **Monday, December 8, 2003**, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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